—Captive breeding and rehabilitation programmes have been launched.

—Model interpretation facilities are being established in some national parks and zoos.

—Wildlife Institute of India has taken up wildlife training and research activities in the field of wildlife.

Projects from Andhra Pradesh pending clearance

1818. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of irrigation and other projects of Andhra Pradesh pending with his Ministry for clearance;

(b) since when these projects have been pending clearance, projectwise;

(c) by when these projects are likely to be cleared, projectwise; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay, projectwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a), (b) and (d) Statements I (*See* below) and II [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 84]. showing details of projects of Andhra Pradesh pending with this Ministry are laid on the table of the House.

(c) Essential information is awaited from the State in the undecided case. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate the exact date when each case would be decided.

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Details of projects of Andhra Pradesh pending clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980

As on 31-7-1987

S. No.	Name of the Project	Pending since	Remarks/Reasons for delay
1	Telugu Ganga Project . . .	8-7-1987	Essential details were sought from the State Govt. on 21-4-87 and 30-4-87 The reply received on 8-7-87 is incomplete. The State Govt. is being requested to send compensatory afforestation scheme immediately.
2	Diversion of Forest land for rehabilitation of Godavari flood victims	8-7-1987	The compensatory afforestation scheme over equivalent non-forest area was sought from the State Govt. on 6-5-87 & 13-7-87. The reply has been received on 8-7-87. The State Govt. has not clarified whether the land identified for this purpose is a non-forest land and the clarification is being sought from the State Government.
3	Diversion of 2·95 ha. of forest land for Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	20-7-1987	The proposal is under examination.
4	Laying of underground Electrodes in Forest area under National HVDC Project	22-7-87	The proposal is under examination.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	pending since	Remarks/Reasons for delay
5	Renewal of Mining lease for coal in 113·084 ha. of forest area in Khamman district for Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	20-7-87	Essential details sought from the State Govt. on 12-7-85 have been received on 20-7-87 and the same are being examined.
6	Diversion of 412·40 ha. of forest land for open cast mining of coal by M/s Singareni collieries in Khamman district	20-7-87	Essential details sought from the State Govt. on 13-3-86 have been received on 20-7-87 and the same are being examined.

A case in which essential details sought from the State Govt. are not received within the periodof three weeks as stipulated in the guidelines issued by this Department, is treated a closed, the same is re-opened as soon as the details are received from the State Government.

Recruitments in MMTC

1819. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman MMTC gave employment to about 250 persons during the last two years in the organisation;

(b) if so, what was the procedure adopted for the recruitment of such persons;

(c) whether guidelines laid-down by Government in this respect have been strictly followed; and

(d) if not, what are ther reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) 317 persons were recruited by MMTC in 1985 and 1986. MMTC Recruitment Rules provide for recruitment of employees based on selection by duly constituted Selection Committees. Modes of recruitment include resort to Employment Exchange, advertisements, campus recruitments, circulation of vacancies to public sector undertakings, Government Departments, applications received from professionally qualified candidates of outstanding merit, etc. Recruitments are also made on compassionate grounds in the case of next of kin of employees dying in harness, as laid down in the company policy, as also the delegation of powers.

(c) and (d) Recruitments are made as per Corporation's Recruitment Rules which have been framed keeping in view the guidelines of the Government, wherever laid down.

Grants-in-aid to Punjab and Chandigarh for environment related activities

1820. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of grants-in-aid provided by the Central Government to Punjab and Union Territory of Chandigarh, separately during the year 1986-87 for environment related activities; and

(b) the amount sanctioned for this purpose for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Punjab: Rs. 196.57 lakhs;

Chandigarh: Nil

(b) Punjab: Rs. 190 lakhs (earmarked);

Chandigarh: Nil

Cases pending in labour courts and industrial tribuals

1821. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending before various Labour Courts and In-